UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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STEVEN HIRSCH,   :
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                                              Plaintiff,   :
                                                                   :   20-CV-2545 (VEC)
                         -against-   :
                                                                   :   ORDER
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BOSSIPMADAMENOIRE, LLC,   :
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                                              Defendant.   :
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VALERIE CAPRONI, District Judge:

This case, involving claims under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*, has been

assigned to this Court for all purposes. In the Court's experience, cases involving copyright

claims often benefit from early resolution.

To that end, prior to a Rule 16(b) case management conference, the Court is referring this

case to Magistrate Judge Barbara C. Moses for a settlement conference. No later than **one week**

after the conclusion of settlement efforts in this case, the parties are directed to notify the Court

whether they successfully resolved the case without need for further litigation.

To facilitate prompt settlement, the Court ORDERS Plaintiff: to file proof of service no

more than three days after service has been effected; and to produce to Defendant(s), by the

earlier of 1) 14 days after service of process or 2) three business days in advance of any

mediation session, copies of records sufficient to show the royalty paid the last three times the

picture that is at issue in this case was licensed, as well as the number of times the picture was

licensed in the last five years; if the picture at issue has never been licensed, Plaintiff must

expressly certify that fact to Defendant(s) as part of Plaintiff's production. Defendant(s) are

directed to file a notice of appearance within 14 days of the service of process.

The Court further directs that, upon a Defendant's timely filing of a notice of appearance, the deadline for that Defendant to answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint shall be extended until 30 days after the settlement conference.

If Plaintiff has effected service on a Defendant, and that Defendant has failed to appear in the case or respond to the Complaint, Plaintiff must move for a default judgment against that Defendant in accordance with this Court's Individual Practices no later than 45 days after the date of the service of the Complaint.

SO ORDERED.

Date: **April 2, 2020**
     New York, NY

                        VALERIE CAPRONI
                     United States District Judge